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SUBJECT: INDIAN PRESS ITEMS ON NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS

1. WITH LONDON SEPTEMBER 12 DATELINES, TIMES OF INDIA, STATESMAN, AND HINDUSTAN TIMES TODAY GAVE VARYING STORIES OF RECENT SUPPLIERS' SAFEGUARD ACTION. WHAT IS THE ACTUAL SITUATION?

2. THE TIMES OF INDIA REPORTED THAT THE US, BRITAIN, USSR, AUSTRALIA, CANADA, AND DENMARK MAY ALREADY HAVE NOTIFIED THE IAEA THAT THEY WOULD BAN TRIGGER LIST ITEMS TO ANY COUNTRY THAT APPEARED ABOUT TO DEVELOP NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN DEFIANCE OF THE NPT. ALL NATIONS (INCLUDING FRANCE) WHICH ARE MEMBERS OF THE IAEA WOULD BE OBLIGED TO RESPECT THE BAN. THE TRIGGER LIST INCLUDES NUCLEAR FUELS, REACTORS DESIGNED TO PRODUCE PLUTONIUM, ALL UNCLASSIFIED

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TYPES OF REACTOR PARTS, EQUIPMENT WHICH CONTROLS THE

LEVEL OF THE REACTOR CORE, PRESSURE TUBES, REACTOR
SUPPLY RODS, HEAVY WATER, NUCLEAR GRADE GRAPHITE,
FUEL PROCESSING PLANTS, AND EQUIPMENT FOR SEPARATING URANIUM
ISOTOPES.

3. IN SAME ARTICLE, TIMES OF INDIA REPORTED A LONDON OFFICIAL
SAID THAT NPT SIGNATORIES WERE COMMITTED NOT TO SUPPLY
FISSION MATERIAL OR RELATED EQUIPMENT TO NON-NUCLEAR NATIONS
WITHOUT SAFEGUARDS. NOW A GROUP OF SIXTEEN COUNTRIES
HAD AGREED ON A COMMON INTERPRETATION IN GENEVA.

4. THE HINDUSTAN TIMES SAID FRANCE WAS NOT A PARTY
TO THESE ARRANGEMENTS.

5. THE STATESMAN CALLS IT A 3-NATION (BRITAIN, USA, AND
RUSSIA) MOVE TO BAN NUCLEAR SUPPLIES TO INDIA.
THE OTHER PAPERS INDICATED INDIA WAS NOT BEING SINGLED
OUT, WAS SURPRISED THAT BRITAIN AND RUSSIA DECIDED TO JOIN
THE EMBARGO, LEAVING ONLY FRANCE TO SUPPLY INDIA'S
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